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I believe I am the first, original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

**SURGICAL TAPE TENSIONER**

the specification of which is identified above.

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